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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Senate Resolutions Limiting Treaty Powers

REFERENCE: Memorandum from the President to All Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, dated 23 May 1952, Subject: "S.J. Res. 122 and S.J. Res. 130"

The limitations proposed in the Joint Resolutions on the power of the Executive to enter into treaties and agreements with foreign powers are of serious concern to the Central Intelligence Agency, but it is recommended that this Agency not appear and testify before the Senate Committees.

In relation to these Resolutions, it is the position of the Department of State that the existence of secret agreements cannot be admitted, and all agreements affecting the Central Intelligence Agency directly are classified. Many treaties and agreements, public in nature, affect the CIA indirectly and any limitation of the power of the Executive to enter into such agreements will have an indirect adverse effect on this Agency. These open agreements are, however, primarily a matter

for the Department of State and the manner in which they
affect the CIA is so sensitive and secret that this Agency
should not seek to testify.

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